

MEMORIAL

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Delivered to His

MAJESTY

(July 1664)

from the

Lord VANGOGH,

ambassador from the STATES GENERAL
of the UNITED PROVINCES.

Translated into English.

With the

ANSWER

which His

Sacred Majesty

returned thereunto.

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THE
MEMORIAL
OF THE
DUTCH AMBASSADOR

TO HIS
M A J E S T Y

S T R,

His Excellency the Ambassador of the
States General of the United Nether-
lands, Your good friends and Allies,
having had the honor of several Audi-
ences with Your Majesty, and wherein
made known to You such Orders as he
had from time to time received from
his Master upon occasion of, and concerning divers affairs,
and especially these following: To wit,

Seeing it is understood and perceived, that Vessels of
War are fitting and preparing on both sides, which if they
go forth to Sea and meet there together, might by some
misunderstanding fall foul upon one another, Your Ma-
jesty would therefore be pleased to keep back Your Fleet,
and not suffer it to go to sea, as their Lordships affer on
their part to do, the whole intent and design tending once

by to the safety of both parties, and the prevention of the
foresaid sinister encounters.

Moreover, Whereas their Lordships have been informed that Captain *Holmes* with the Vessels under his Command hath now again (as heretofore) done very great and enormous injuries to the *Netherlands* Company of the *West-Indies*, by taking divers of their Vessels upon the Coast of *Africa*, and also by making himself Master of some places and Forts belonging unto them, and namely amongst others of *Capo Verde*; *800*, which is directly contrary, not only to the Treaty last concluded between Your Majesty and the States of the United Provinces, but also to mutual Amity and good neighbourhod. The said Ambassador did therefore in the name of his Superiors demand restitution of the same, and that reparation might be made of the damages and interests, which the said Company and other Subjects of their Lordships, who were concerned, have suffered thereby; as also that the like proceedings and violences might be prevented for the future by an express Order, being sent to *Islands* *22122*.

In the third place, That their Lordships being from day to day confirmed by certain intelligence coming from that Coast, that the foresaid action of Captain *Bolles* had not only been effected in the manner above specified, but also that he was intended to carry on his design further, by making incursions and seizing upon all the Coast, and that for his better success therein, he expected a notable supply of Ships from *England*; as the whole matter may be improved by the Testimony and Depositions of credible persons newly come from thence: Which actions being without right, reason and equity, and which consequently cannot be endured, nor looked upon with a good eye, Your Majesty was entreated that it might be Your good Pleasure to command as well the said Captain *Bolles*, as others who

were in that engagement, or are held to have been employed therein, not only to restore the foresaid Forts and Vessels so taken, and to repair the damages thereby suffered (as reason requires) but also that the Ships which by report are now ready to set Sail, or which may be fitting for that end, may by Your Majesties express Command be prohibited and charged not to do or cause any other injury or damage to the said Company, or to any other the Subjects of the United Provinces.

Fourthly, Forasmuch as the poor and afflicted Reformed Churches in the Valleys of *Piedmont* have represented, that after the agreement made with his Royal Highness the Duke of *Savoy* some while since, they are again overwhelmed & ruined by exactions & charges required of them to defray the expences of the Army which the said Duke had commanded against them, which charges amounted to so high a sum, that it was impossible for them to make it up, for the reasons more at large alledged in their Remonstrance, Therefore they have desired the intercession of the States General with Your Majesty, that Your Ambassador in the Court of *France* may have order to procure from his Most Christian Majesty (as being Mediator between his Royal Highness and them) as much favour and comfort to those poor afflicted Churches as can possibly by any means be obtained.

And finally, considering that the Vessels coming from the United Provinces into the Rivers, Streams and Roads of this Kingdom, are stopped there under pretence that there be Persons and Commodities on board which come from places infected with the Plague, or at least suspected to be so, by which means the freedom of Trade and Passage is obstructed and disturbed, to the great prejudice of the inhabitants of both Nations. The said Ambassador therefore insisted thereupon, that the same might be remedied,

or at least that the strictness of those Orders might be mitigated in such measure as in reason shall be found convenient, And that the rather, because, by the mercy of God, all the Provinces in general are not infected with the Contagion of unchristian vice.

To all that is above said, Your Majesty hath been pleased to answer in effect, to wit, upon the first point, touching keeping of the Fleet from going to Sea, That the numbers which were fitted and prepared on Your Majesties side being no way extraordinary, but onely for common and customary use, and without design of bringing any damage or inconvenience upon the inhabitants of the United Provinces, the said Vessels could not be kept from going to Sea, because Your Majesties Honour was engaged therein, Nevertheless that You would give such Orders to the chief Commander of Your said Fleet, that their Lordships shall have no cause to apprehend any sinister encounters from it.

As to the second, touching the action of Captain *Holmes*, Your Majesty thought good to answer thereunto, That You had receiyed no information of it, and that having given no Order for his so doing, You would cause reparation to be made, if the matter proved to be true, and that the said Captain *Holmes* should be punished according as the case should require: Nevertheless adding thereunto afterwards at another Audience, that the *West-India Company* had likewise done much damage to Your Majesties Subjects upon the said Coast, pretending to be Masters thereof to themselves alone, which thing ought to be considered also in its proper season, judging it unreasonable and unjust that the Trade of the English upon that Coast should continually be disturbed and hindred.

And as to the third, Your Majesty was pleased to say

As before, That You had received no information of
 Thelmes his actions in those parts, and for so much as con-
 cerned the Ships which are ready to set Sail towards the
 Coast of Africk, that they were not in a condition to
 make any attempt there, being only Merchant-men, un-
 to which there was added but one Man of War for their
 Convoy.

For what regards the poor Piemontees, That You were
 sensibly touched with the miserable condition of those
 Churches and People, and for that reason Your Ma-
 jesty had already given Order to Your Ambassador in
 France to contribute unto their relief and comfort in
 Your name; But forasmuch as at present there occur
 some new difficulties concerning the said Churches,
 Your Majesty would advise more particularly there-
 upon.

And lastly, concerning the Merchants Ships which
 come from the United Provinces into this Kingdom, and
 are stopped without permission to Land any where, be-
 cause they are suspected to come from some place infected
 with the Sickness, there being no distinction made be-
 tween Provinces and Cities really afflicted with the said
 Contagion, & those which are not so at all; That Your Ma-
 jesty having an extraordinary apprehension of that disease,
 had great reason to use all possible precaution against it;
 Notwithstanding, that the business should also be thought
 upon more fully.

All which Points abovesaid having been repeated by the
 said Ambassador at his last Audience, and instance there-
 upon made, that according to their Lordships desires Your
 Majesty would be pleased to explain Your Self in Writ-
 ing, to put the minds of his Superiors out of perplexity
 and disquiet; and Your Majesty having to that purpose
 desired,

defined, what all should be comprised in a *conservation* and how to begin to implement it. Writing a *conservation* (Mayapple, *Thunbergia*, etc.) is a common procedure within the field, but such documents are not always well written or clearly understood. A *conservation* document should be able to provide a *conservation* context.